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Applicant:	Holmberg, et al.	Examiner:	Thomas Sweet
Serial No.:	10/056774	Group Art Unit:	3738
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Title:	CONDUIT FOR AORTA OR PULMONARY ARTERY REPLACEMENT		

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response. Remarks begin on page 2. Withdrawal of the designation of finality of this case and further examination and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.